



Sunday, December 9, 2018

Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Worship Leaders: Pastor Meredith Bedker Musaus,
Vicar Hans Becklin

Worship Asst./Lectors: Stan Winarski, Paul Bedker,
Brian Espinosa, Anne Lindemann

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The Congregation We Love

At the end of every year, there is a flurry of gift giving. We give thanks for the generosity of our congregation. The Giving Tree gifts purchased for refugees and Eras gift cards for senior citizens will truly make a difference in their lives this Christmas.

The leadership of Holy Cross also invites you to remember your congregation in your Christmas giving. All the ministry that we value is only made possible through the offerings of our members and frequent attendees. Holy Cross has fulfilled a wonderful year of worship, mission, and teaching. However, to ensure all our commitments are made to our partners, staff, building and essential ministries; we need you to consider what you can give to the ministry that shares the story of the greatest giver of all --Jesus Christ our Lord. Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love – the Advent story continues. All contributions that you want to be included on your 2018 Statement of Giving, must be in the church office by noon on Wednesday, January 2nd or postmarked by December 31st.

December 23rd 9:00 & 10:30 am

Worship Service

Come follow the star and join Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem. Please join us for worship, songs, and scripture along with the telling of the Christmas story, presented by children as Bible time characters.



Christmas At Holy Cross

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship
Traditional Services at 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 3:00 pm, 4:30 pm, 10:00 pm
Celebration Band Service at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day Worship
Traditional Service at 9:00 am

Saturday and Sunday, December 29 & 30
Poetry and Carols at all Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Faith Development Christmas Program

The Faith Development Christmas Program will be held on December 16th at the 9:00 am worship service. All three-year-old through fifth-grade students will sing during worship.

Blue Christmas-Sunday December 16th at 12:00 pm

Are you grieving the death of a loved one, struggling in relationships, feeling overwhelmed by all of the "to do's", or just feeling sad? Sometimes all of the festivities, lights, cheer, and expectations can leave us feeling extra blue. Our Blue Christmas is a 45-minute service for those of us whose days aren't "merry and bright." It is a quiet, peaceful service filled with beautiful music, candles, and remembering the babe of Bethlehem.

Special Christmas Blend Coffee & Chocolate Make Great Stocking Stuffers

Stop by the table in the atrium to sample our Mt. Meru Peaberry Christmas Blend. It's rich flavor with less acidity, makes this rare coffee bean a great gift...and it comes in a red package, perfect for Christmas! Our fair trade Mt. Meru coffee supports local farmers in the Meru Diocese of Tanzania. We will also have our regular Mt. Meru Coffees and Divine Chocolates (associated with Lutheran World Response) available for purchase.



Giving Tree Thank You & Invitation

A sincere thank you to everyone who donated to our Giving Tree ministry this year. The response has been amazing. With your generosity, we are able to provide a Christmas gift to over 300 adult refugee students, their young children, and the preschoolers who attend the International Learning Center in Milwaukee. We invite you to meet the ILC students by joining us for their holiday party on Thursday, December 20th. Sign up on the board in the Gathering Place to carpool. We will depart Holy Cross at 8:00 am and return around 12:30 pm.

Did you grab a tag and forget to drop off your gift? There is still time! Email Amanda (amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org) and let her know it's on the way. Be sure to drop it off in the office no later than Tuesday, December 11th.

GoodShop and Amazon Smile

Don't forget when you are shopping online to use GoodShop <https://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop> and Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com>. Holy Cross receives gifts through these organizations that go toward our Parking Lot Fund. To date, during 2018 we have received \$19.95 from GoodShop and \$59.81 from Amazon Smile. Thank you to everyone who participated in these programs over the last year!



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Join the Prayer Chain or submit a request by emailing prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org

Memorials

~Was received by Dick & Bonnie Borresen in memory of Judy Spredemann.

~Were received by Richard Nowicki and Frank & Erin Zamborini in memory of Hans Biersack.

Memorial Chart

~Coffee hour support is given by Carol Clark and Linda Clark Klibowitz in memory of loved ones.

~Milwaukee partner support is given by Bob & Linda Ferguson in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Noisy Offering

~Lutheran Disaster Response designated to the wildfires in California

Practice 7-Worship

~Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church. How could anyone know who Christ is and what faith is in Him unless he knew where His believers are? M Luther

Serving Next Weekend-December 15 & 16

~Ushers & Greeters-Normal monthly schedule

~Lector-Lowell Carl, Carolyn Schellhaas, Mike Naumann

~Altar Guild-Donita Bruder, Dianne Donnell, Sandra Lembke, Bev Mehring

~Welcome Center-Mary Ann Holt, Kelly & Steve Stapelman, Angie Nelson

Today Sunday 9

Second Sunday Of Advent

Scrip, Blood Pressure, Coffee & Chocolate Sale

Worship 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Faith Development 9:00 am

Celebration Band 9:00 am

Monday 10

Preschool 9:00 am

Tuesday 11

Preschool 9:00 am

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

God Squad 6:00 pm

King's Kids 6:00 pm

MEB 6:00 pm

Glocal 7:00 pm

Finance 7:15 pm

Wednesday 12

Preschool 9:00 am

Martha Circle 1:00 pm

Advent Book Study 6:00 pm

Heavenly Sounds Handbell Choir 6:00 pm

Chancel/Festival Choir 7:00 pm

Student Ministry Night 7:00 pm

Thursday 13

Preschool 9:00 am

To Do Crew 9:00 am

Advent Book Study 11:00 am

Community Dinner 5:30 pm

New Beginnings Handbell Choir 5:30 pm

Preschool Team 6:00 pm

Stewardship 6:00 pm

Worship Team 6:00 pm

Council 7:00 pm

Friday 14

Church Office Closes At Noon

Preschool 9:00 am

Saturday 15

Scrip Sale

Men In Mission 7:30 am

Worship 5:00 pm

Sunday 16

Third Sunday Of Advent

Scrip

Worship 7:45, 9:00 (FD Program) & 10:30 am

Faith Development 9:00 am

Celebration Band 9:00 am

Blue Christmas 12:00 pm

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Worship Schedule: Saturday-5:00 pm, Sunday-7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am



EVENT SIGN UP SHEET

Please use this form to sign up for activities/events at Holy Cross. Fill out the form, and include the fee or amount of deposit, if any. Return the form to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. Use a generic envelope if you are adding the fee in church. If the event or activity you are interested in is not listed, write it in the space at the bottom of this sheet and someone will contact you.



2018 Christmas Eve Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed during the **Christmas Eve worship services**. Please indicate which service you will be able to help and fill in your name on the reverse side of this sheet and someone will contact you. Thank you

Christmas Eve – December 24

Lector

_____ 9:00 am

Welcome Center

_____ 9:00 am

_____ 10:30 am

_____ 3:00 pm

_____ 4:30 pm

_____ 6:00 pm

_____ 10:00 pm

Communion Assistants

_____ 9:00 am (need 1)

_____ 10:30 am (need 1)

_____ 4:30 pm (need 1)

Greeters

_____ 9:00 am (need 3)

_____ 10:30 am (need 2)

_____ 3:00 pm (need 2)

_____ 4:30 pm (need 4)

_____ 6:00 pm (need 4)

_____ 10:00 pm (need 2)

Ushers

_____ 9:00 am (need 2)

_____ 10:30 am (need 2)

_____ 6:00 pm (need 3)

_____ 10:00 pm (need 4)

The Christmas Story

- My child would like to have a non-speaking part in the nativity worship, where the children will act out the Christmas story as shepherds, angels, wise men, etc... I understand the service is on December 23 and we will participate at 9:00 am and/or 10:30 am. I understand there is a mandatory practice on December 18 at 6:30 pm. Please call me with more information.

Hula Hoops Needed

- I understand Children's ministry is looking for donations of old (in good condition) or new hula hoops. I can bring them to the church office.

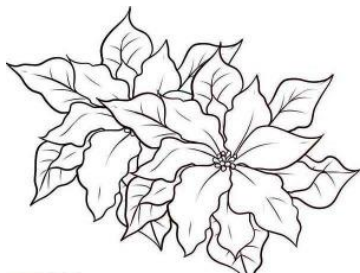
Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



We will be decorating the altar with poinsettia plants for Christmas. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. Orders must be in the office by Sunday, December 16. Please enclose your check or cash with your order. Plants may be taken home after the Christmas Day service or during the following week. (The church will be closed December 26.)

Red White Jingle Bell (red and white)
 Pink Marble (pink and white)

In lieu of flowers, a contribution may be given to be added to our Mission Endowment Fund (please see reverse for details about this Fund and who received fund grants in 2017.)

_____Mission Endowment Fund

Your name: _____

In **honor** or in **memory** of:
(please circle one)

Enclosed is \$_____

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS (in lieu of poinsettias) will be designated to the MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

The two-fold function of the Mission Endowment Board is to:

1. Create a culture within our congregation whereby every member has the opportunity to consider planned giving through their will, trust or other financial instruments.
2. The Board, made up of elected Holy Cross members, is to oversee the wise investment of gifts and to make annual disbursements as outlined in the constitution.

In 2017 \$9,500 of Mission Endowment Fund grants were awarded:

- Seminary scholarship for HCLC member Adam Moreno who is in his final year of Seminary
- Part-time Christian Education summer intern
- GLOCAL programming
- Shady Lane Elementary School accessible playground
- Women's Retreat scholarships for Hephatha Lutheran Church
- The Greater Milwaukee Synod Endowment Fund for leadership
- ERAS (formerly Waukesha Interfaith)
- Outreach for Hope

Grants for 2018 will be awarded by the end of the year. The Fund's value as of October 31, 2018 was \$533,363.00. While the Fund has grown significantly this past year, we continue to seek increased awareness of this essential ministry. Your Christmas memorial will help us in this endeavor. Many thanks!

Is Holy Cross a beneficiary in your end of life financial plan?